



14 January 2015 Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

Present: Michael Simmons
Nikki Wooten
Jennifer Studebaker
Ryan Conway
David Parkhurst
Megan Hutchinson
Stephanie Solomon

Absent: Stephen Hale
Angela Babb

Meeting convened at 12:00 p.m.

1. Jennifer confirmed a quorum was present.
2. December steering committee meeting minutes were accepted by the chair with no additional revisions.
3. Treasurer's Report – The current bank balance is \$313.23. The bank account is located at German American Bank, and we will need to transfer signatures to the new Chair, Treasurer, and Secretary after the February meeting. Regarding the post office box, the key will go to the new Treasurer and they will sign up for the email reminders. The Annual Business Entity Report is an annual payment to the state for \$7.14 online in the summer.
4. Steering committee members need to be current, and Jennifer will bring conflict of interest forms to the Annual Meeting. The Annual Meeting plan is to have Vargas speak for 30 minutes followed by 30 minutes of questions, ending with the business meeting. Nikki will get the key and figure out the room setup. Megan will bring a coffee pot, Ryan coffee, Jennifer iced tea, and Nikki signs.
5. Outreach Report – The newsletter was sent out, and the Annual Meeting has been publicized.
6. Education Report – Bloomington Cooperative Living has bulk purchasing, which was discussed as a need at the fall food summit. Stephanie invited Emily Toner from the Indy Food Policy Council to our meeting.
7. Assessment Report – Nothing new to report, though we are arranging to meet soon to begin drafting our city report.
8. Advocacy Report – A date is to be set for the Food Charter vote in the city Council. All of this should be in one meeting. We should be able to comment in the public comments section of the meeting.
9. Michael shared some resources that may be of interest to the group. The Sierra Club hosts Meatless Monday and Factory Farm Free Friday as weekly food awareness

practices, and some cities have adopted these as part of their policy. Kellogg Foundation has a Common Market: A Case Study report on local food.

10. Announcement

- a. Purdue Extension has a meeting on January 15th from 5-8:30pm on South Walnut.
 - b. Annual Meeting for the Orchard is from 1-3pm Saturday at the Monroe County History Center.
 - c. Bloomingfoods meeting from 10am-2pm on Saturday at the Eastside store.
11. Our next meeting will be February 11th at noon, and Steering committee members have recommended other potential steering members – Teddy Moer, Ashley Schoolman, the BIRA Director Steve Swihart, and Noma Maier from IU Composting.
12. Ready, Set, Grow is set for Saturday May 16th, and Stephanie and Janice Lily are planning the event.